(d) the steps proposed by Government to check the nefarious designs of SIMI activists across the country?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No Sir, However, SIMI's activists are active in a number of States of the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The SIMI has been declared as an unlawful association on 7th February, 2008. Appropriate action has been taken by the various State Government against the activists of concerned organizations.

Federal Investigative Agency

3177. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to crack down on terror networks and curb increasing Naxal violence through a coordinated nationwide onslaught, Prime Minister has decided to aggressively push for the concept of the federal investigative agency with Chief Ministers of all States in a recently convened meeting;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether any central body to combat terror in the country has been considered by the Chief Ministers; and

(d) if so, what is the final decision taken and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The issue of putting a mechanism in place to enable investigation of certain types of terrorism related and other offences having inter-State and international linkages by a Central agency has been under consideration and discussion with the State Governments for some time. This issue was also discussed in the Meeting of Chief Ministers on Internal Security held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 20th December, 2007, in which *inter-alia,* the setting up of a Consultative Mechanism to decide, on a case to case basis, whether investigations may be taken up by a Central agency, and have collaborative arrangements in the framework of a concurrent jurisdication, was suggested. It was, decided that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) would seek the comments of the State Governments in the matter. Accordingly, the MHA has written to all the States seeking their comments, so that a consensus could be developed in the matter. It has, *inter alia,* been clarified that the proposed mechanism envisages close coordination between all the Central and State agencies.

Cases of bomb blasts

†3178. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public places where there were bomb explosions between monsoon and budget sessions of Parliament and the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.